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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear flock:
First Communion Sunday is fast in nearly all parishes of our diocese, following a long period of careful instruction. Nearly all of you who read this received your First Holy Communion at much later date than children of today.

You had a longer course of instruction, you had greater mental capacity to grasp the significance of the obligation which was assumed and the import of the promises you made. You had more the effects of the Resurrection which immediately preceded your First Holy Communion, and you were better able to read the Communion prayers from your prayer book, and to speak to your loving Savior in your own words.

Some of these advantages which you enjoy the children who receive the first time today are deprived of; on the other hand, they receive with greater innocence, and before their hearts ever could become attached to anything sinful.

But the little children who receive their First Holy Communion at the age of eight or nine years need a great deal of encouragement from their parents and frequent reminders of the day, whose importance they were not sufficiently able to realize. Parents should take advantage of the good start made by their children to keep them innocent, to keep any bad habits from forming, even such habits as disobedience, anger, stubbornness, etc. To this end, parents should encourage children to receive Holy Communion Sunday after Sunday, and to remind them between Sundays of every little breach of conduct. If this were done good habits would take deep root and exercise a control over the children through life. At the same time the child would reach his or her majority without ever having violated a commandment seriously—because it would not be difficult for the child to be good from one Sunday to another, particularly if it had no fight to wage against habits already formed.

As a child advances in school it should be encouraged to use its prayer book, which it was unable to use to any advantage when it received its First Holy Communion. The practices which one begins he is likely to continue. This is probably the reason why so many of our young people today go to church without prayerbook, and depend on self-made prayers, even in preparation for and in thanksgiving after Communion. It explains the reason why people are through with their thanksgiving even before Mass is over, and leave the church with those who have not received. The older ones of you will remember how all communicants were accustomed to remain in church for some time after the Mass, and occupy themselves for at least five or ten minutes with their prayer books.

During the Season of Lent we called your attention to the next great step in a child's life after Holy Communion, namely, the selection of a vocation. Now, a child will never make a mistake in this selection if it be taught to commend itself to Almighty God, either directly, or through the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, or its patron saint, for direction following every Holy Communion. You were also reminded when we talked about vocations during Lent that parents are to blame for most unanswered calls to a religious life. Their boy often thinks of the Priesthood or the Brotherhood, and their girl of the Sisterhood, and knowing the opposition which parents will at once make, are fearful of revealing their heart's wish to their parents. Many others do make their wish known, only to be severely rebuffed, or at least told to wait longer.

Now, parents, bear in mind that your child has a perfect right to embrace the religious life even against your will. Your child even has a duty to embrace the religious life against your will if he or she feels that that is where God wants him or her. Try to be a help to your little First Communicant in his growth in the spiritual life rather than a hindrance. Encourage him in every good proposal; pray with him that Almighty God may direct him in the choice of a state of life. Let him make a

A GOOD INVESTMENT FOR YOU!

My dear Brethren:

Assuming that you read my Chats in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR regularly, you will be somewhat familiar with the things to which I would have your attention called through this letter.

Ever since the war the rate of interest on borrowed money has been quite high, and many parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne have had to pay 6%, and often more, on the money needed to build a church or a school. In addition to the interest rate, they were forced to pay a commission equal to at least 1/2 of 1% interest.

But now it is possible for them to borrow money at a lower rate of interest, and to pay off the loan they had made at a higher rate.

But why am I telling you this? Well, read attentively what follows, and you will see that this letter contains such information as will surprise you and should make you feel proud of the manner in which the business side of religion is conducted in the Catholic Church.

Large Life Insurance Companies follow the principle "safety first" in loaning their money. Yet one after another of these companies is beginning to loan money on Catholic Church property, while they will not loan one cent on the church property of other denominations. Not only is this true, but they crave Catholic Church property as security for their loans. Recently four competitors have pressed me to borrow \$2,000,000 or more for the purpose of enabling pastors to pay off their entire present indebtedness carried at a higher rate of interest. The only objection I have against such a large loan is that it would be made after taking a blanket mortgage against the diocese as a whole, whereby properties not in debt would be technically obligated for parishes in debt. To cover the cost of placing the mortgage, examining abstracts, selling bonds, a 2% commission on a ten year loan was asked by these several companies, but they offered an interest rate of 5%.

Why are these financial institutions so anxious to loan money to the Diocese of Fort Wayne? Because a conservative appraisal of all church properties in the name of the Bishop, and held by him in trust for the parishes, is \$22,000,000, against which there is an indebtedness only slightly above \$2,000,000. In other words, parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne are nearly 90% out of debt. Could you conceive of a better security for an investment?

Now you probably perceive the purpose of this letter. It is to offer you an opportunity to invest some of your savings in Catholic church loans. Why should we go outside our diocese for loans when our own people may be glad to let us have money at a low rate without a commission? Your loan would be made to churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne, and the note would be secured not only by the property receiving the loan, but it would be endorsed by the Bishop in the name of the Diocese, and the full moral responsibility of the Diocese pledged for its payment.

Probably there is no form of investment today half so popular as first mortgage real estate bonds. Yet these bonds, sold by Banks and Trust Companies, usually represent a loan equal to 50% to 60% of the value of the property mortgaged. A loan to the Diocese of Fort Wayne would represent only 10% of the property value back of it. If, therefore, you could not make a safer loan than the one which we propose; if you can have a rate of interest as great as that which you are now receiving; if you can save the borrowing parish from paying a commission which is charged by financial institutions; and if you can have the satisfaction that your money is doing good for religion while it is well invested for yourself, why hesitate a moment to invest with the diocese?

Understand that we have no thought of starting a banking institution. We have only the thought of taking up existing loans through loans made by our own people at a lower rate of interest.

Some may prefer not to loan their money to their own parish. These may deal directly with the Chancery Office at Fort Wayne, and their money will be loaned, not to their own parish, but to another. People who are willing to loan to their own parish may see their pastor, and the Bishop will sign the note along with the pastor to guarantee its absolute security.

If interested, the Bishop would like to hear from you soon, since he has promised several pastors loans on easier terms than they have hitherto had.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Francis Noll
Bishop of Fort Wayne

Your Opportunity to Adopt a Baby.

The Associated Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne have five infants for whom they are seeking suitable homes. Three are boys and two girls, ranging from ten days to five months. They may be adopted without any restrictions by any of our charitably disposed readers who could find a place in their home for a little tot. These children are descendants from good American stock. Applications should be made to Miss Hannah Connor, Associated Catholic Charities, Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Graduation Exercises Take Place Throughout the Diocese.

Bishop to Invest Monsignor Delaney To Preside at Profession

Monday and Tuesday graduation exercises took place at St. Mary's Academy and College, Notre Dame, Wednesday and Thursday at St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary, on Thursday night at the Central Catholic High School, East Chicago, Friday night at the Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne. June 16 the Right Reverend Bishop will preside at the graduation exercises of St. Catherine's Academy, Fort Wayne, where his niece, Miss Loretta Fink, is one of the graduates.

The Bishop will be represented at the reception and profession to take place at Lafayette on June 29 and on that day will preside at the investiture of Monsignor-elect Delaney. On July 1, the Bishop will be at St. Joseph's Academy, Tipton, for the yearly visitation and on the following day will preside at the reception and profession exercises.

MARINE'S FUNERAL AT BLUFFTON.

Funeral services for Felix E. Walker, a U. S. Marine, who died Thursday night at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne, were held Monday morning, June 5, at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Bluffton. The pastor, Father Girardot, officiated.

real success of life here, while he builds up a big fortune for his enjoyment throughout eternity.

John Francis Noll
Bishop of Fort Wayne

Large Classes Confirmed Settlement House Confirmation Resembles Pentecost.

The recent Confirmation tour of the Right Reverend Bishop saw record classes receive the Sacrament at various churches in Lake County and elsewhere. Over three hundred were confirmed at St. Mary's, East Chicago, nearly four hundred at All Saints', Hammond, five hundred eight children and adults at St. Joseph's, Hammond, and eight hundred at St. Stanislaus', East Chicago.

Four hundred ninety-two presented themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Gary-Alerding Catholic Settlement House, Gary, where they were divided into two classes owing to the limited capacity of the church. Practically every nationality was represented in the classes.

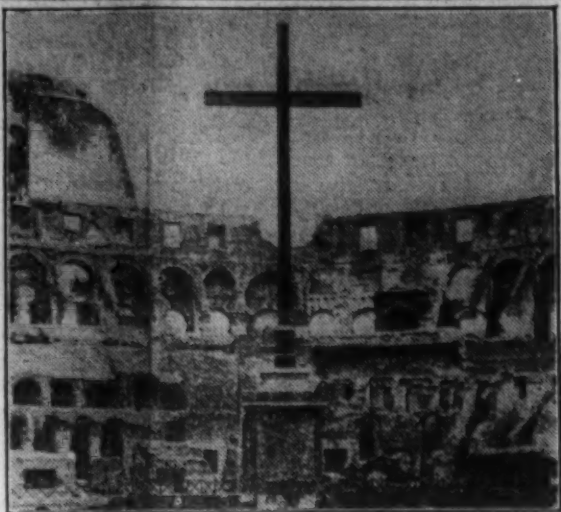
In his discourse to the parents of those receiving the Sacrament, the Right Reverend Bishop urged them to send their children to the parochial schools in the parishes to which they belong next September. At the same time, however, reminding them that if an honest effort discloses there is not sufficient room in the parochial schools, the children must be sent back to the Settlement House. In Gary, four Sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Christ teach Catechism in especially provided huts erected near the big public schools. Children may leave the class room for religious instruction twice a week and it is so arranged that a group comes to the Sisters for instruction every forty minutes every day during class hours. They number approximately three thousand.

Although practically every parish in Gary has its parochial school, in the aggregate they could accommodate no more than three hundred of these three thousand. The expense for caring for the religious instruction of these public school children is borne by Our Sunday Visitor.

An account of the Confirmation ceremonies at Our Lady of Guadalupe church, Indiana Harbor, will be found on page 7, in the Victory-Noll column.

Six Priests Ordained

Six deacons who have completed their twelve years in the Seminary in preparation for the Holy Priesthood receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Saturday morning, June 11th, at 9:00 o'clock. This year's class also included one ordained in Rome in March. The Right Reverend Bishop is still pressed for priests to fill the many vacancies. There have been many resignations during the year as there are priests being ordained and several pastors have applied for assistants a year or more ago.



NEW CROSS IN ROMAN COLISEUM. This symbol of Christianity replaces another which stood for scores of years on the spot where many martyrs of the early Church shed their blood for the Faith. Queen Helena of Italy attended the ceremony of dedicating the new cross. (Keystone Views)

Bishops of Louisiana Appeal for Flood Relief

New Orleans, La., May 28, 1927.

Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, 1140 Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Flood conditions in Louisiana appalling. Red Cross doing wonderful work for immediate relief, but future presents looks desperate and hopeless for rehabilitation and continuance of missions and schools. We appeal to the charity of your people to help us in our distress.

JULIUS R. JEANMARD, D. D., Bishop of Lafayette, C. VANDEVEN, D. D., Bishop of Alexandria, J. W. SHAW, D. D., Archbishop of New Orleans.

If there are any people in our Diocese who have not contributed to the Red Cross or wish to make special donations to assist their fellow-Catholics who are suffering in the devastation resulting from the Louisiana disaster, the Right Reverend Bishop will be glad to receive their offerings which will be forwarded to the Bishops of Louisiana, thousands of whose poor people are suffering from the disastrous floods.

BURSES COMPLETED OR BEGUN.

Great interest has been manifested in the Bishop's recent appeal for the formation of Burses to assist worthy boys who wish to study for the priesthood. The Burses will be numbered serially and will be entered in the Chancery record in the name of the parish or individual donating them.

Burses number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, have been engaged by an individual and will be completed in five years.

Burses number 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, have been engaged by an institution of this diocese.

Burses 11 and 12 have been engaged by St. Paul's parish, Marion.

Burse number 13 has already been completed by the Rt. Rev. John H. Oechtering, V. G.

Burse number 14 has been engaged by St. Patrick's parish, Fort Wayne.

Burse number 15 has been engaged by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Burse number 16 has been engaged by St. Patrick's parish, Kokomo.

Burses number 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, will function as completed Burses after the death of that number of annuitants.

These Burses begun or completed show that a successful start has been made, and the hope is entertained that before the end of the year, a great many parishes and individuals will have one or more Burses to their credit.

As recorded in a recent issue, the Diocese offers an annuity plan whereby any sum of money entrusted to it is secured by the resources of the Diocese and will earn six per cent interest, which will be paid to the annuitant during his life-time and at his death the principal sum will revert to the Diocese. Any amount of money entrusted to the Diocese in payment for annuity during life may be assigned to a Burse.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CONFERS DEGREES ON 381 AT EIGHTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT

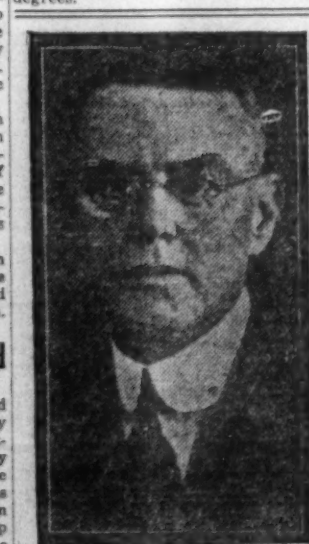
Largest Class In Its History--Noted Speakers on Program.

Bishop John M. Gannon, Erie, Pa., Pontificates--The Rev. W. A. Scullen Gives Baccalaureate Sermon.

THOUSANDS AT CLOSING HEAR JUDGE A. J. TALLEY--HONORS ARE BESTOWED BY PRESIDENT WALSH.

By HELEN MAY IRWIN.

Pentecost, that beautiful feast commemorating the coming of the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, was Baccalaureate Sunday at the University of Notre Dame. Most inspiring were the services at Sacred Heart church opening the day on which the far-famed educational institution graduated the largest class in its history--381 students receiving degrees.



ELECTED IN GEORGIA. Dr. Wm. A. Mulherrin, a Catholic physician of Augusta, is the new president of the Georgia Medical Association.

Opening with the academic procession at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the day's program included solemn Pontifical Mass, Baccalaureate sermon, blessing and raising of the flag, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, closing with the conferring of degrees and the commencement address.

As the deep-toned bell of Sacred Heart resounded its jubilant message, members of the faculty and graduating class, priests and seminarians of the Congregation of Holy Cross, officers of the Mass escorting the officiating prelate, moved in imposing procession from the administration building to the church.

Bishop Celebrates Mass.

The Rt. Rev. John Mark Gannon, D. D., Bishop of Erie, Pa., in cappa magna with attending priests vested for the services, advanced to the sanctuary as the Notre Dame Glee Club gave a special rendition of Gounod's "Laudate Patrem" for the processional. A congregation that largely exceeded the seating capacity attended and many were unable to gain admittance.

Ministers of the Mass celebrated by Msgr. Gannon at 9:00 o'clock were: The Rev. Matthew Schumacher, C. S. C., assistant priest; the Rev. Bernard III, C. S. C., the Rev. Charles Miltner, C. S. C., deacons of honor; the Rev. John Margraf, C. S. C., deacon of the Mass; the Rev. Francis Boland, C. S. C., subdeacon; the Rev. Kerndt Healy, C. S. C., chaplain to Bishop Gannon; the Rev. William Connor, C. S. C., master of ceremonies.

The Rev. William A. Scullen, D. D., Ph. D., of Cleveland, O., chancellor of the diocese of Cleveland, and pastor of Holy Cross church in the Cathedral city, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. It was followed with intense interest by approximately 1,100 auditors and was regarded as one of the ablest heard at the University. The

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CALLES SPREADS TERROR THROUGH STATE OF JALISCO

Guadalajara, Mexico.—At least thirty thousand men, women and children in the State of Jalisco, of which this great Catholic city is the Capital, have been thrust from their humble homes in the last fortnight and today are refugees without food, as a result of the latest barbarous deed of President Calles of Mexico. Others by the hundred lie dead in the embers of their homes.

Calles has deliberately and cold-bloodedly laid waste with sword and shell this entire Mexican State, one of the most fertile in the Republic, sparing only the larger cities. Villages everywhere have been shelled and bombed, haciendas have been razed, and the slaughter probably never will be counted.

Thousands Flee for Their Lives.

Everywhere in Jalisco thousands have fled terror-stricken from the scourge of Calles' soldiers.

Refugees in some of the cities run higher than 12,000. Every town that was spared is swelled with farmers and their families or small villagers who fled for their lives. Virtually all are without means of subsistence, having brought with them only what possessions they could carry. Famine seems imminent.

Here in Guadalajara, a Central Board of Assistance has been organized to care for the stricken people of the State. It has been working day and night sending out consignment of corn and beans.

The Board has sent large quantities of grain to Tlaquepaque, Zapot-

lano, La Barca, Ocotlan and several other villages, where large numbers of destitute also are gathered in improvised shelters amid the dreest want.

Aid also has been sent to Tepic, Acapulco and San Juan de los Lagos. At San Juan there were 800 families without food.

Gen. Amaro, the Butcher.

It is the great army of General Amaro, Minister of War, acting on orders from Calles, which has swept the State. His troops have been especially concentrated for the descent, being brought in from many parts of Mexico. The Government's excuse for the murderous campaign is that it is determined to exterminate all revolutionary bands.

The refugees fled to the larger cities upon orders from Amaro that all who did not do so would be considered rebels. Thereafter, the villages and haciendas were shelled and destroyed, and any unfortunate who remained were murdered.

Treachery on the part of the military has led to great loss of life. It has shown itself in many ways. A favorite one, however, has been this: A group would be told to leave their homes and go to a city, otherwise it would be killed. When it had gone some distance, however, it would be surrounded by the troops and simply slaughtered. It was then reported that "another band of rebels" had been engaged in battle and exterminated.

Ghostly details of ruthlessness and murder are coming in. Meantime, Guadalajara is bending its every energy to care for the refugees, whose condition is pitiable in the extreme.

Science Must Say God Created Life, Prof. Pupin Asserts

Chicago.—"The only thing that science can say today is that God created life."

This was the answer of Dr. Michael I. Pupin, professor of electro-mechanics at Columbia University, New York, to a question handed about by non-Catholic scientists.

Dr. Pupin, inventor of the Pupin coil, which was sold to Marconi in 1902, making it possible to transmit articulation through the long distance telephone, last Thursday night gave an address at the University of Chicago on "Creative Co-ordination."

"Science has so informed the mental attitude of men that today instead of being atheists and agnostics, we must believe in a Creator," he said.

Confessional's Seal Is Held Inviolable By German Court

Cologne.—Following prolonged arguments over the much mooted question as to whether a priest may be forced to give testimony which might be construed as a religious confession, the Rev. Father Bergenhausen, testifying at the trial of Dr. Broecker and Frau Oberreuter for the murder of the latter's husband, was dismissed without being urged to reveal the secrets of the confessional box.

Father Bergenhausen protested against the court having confiscated letters from the doctor to him, but without avail.



AT CRUSADE RALLY. Rt. Rev. Francis J. Beckman, Bishop of Lincoln, celebrated High Mass for the gathering of students at Cincinnati, May 29.

Protestant Woman Officer in Alabama Refutes "Ex-Priest"

Mobile, Ala.—Mrs. E. D. Lurton, chief probation officer of the Montgomery juvenile court, as quoted in the Montgomery Advertiser, recently branded as false the statement made by an anti-Catholic lecturer named Brooks that 4,772 girls had been sent by that court to the convent of the Good Shepherd in New Orleans. Mrs. Lurton, in characterizing the assertion as false, expressed the opinion that Brooks, who poses as a former priest, is an impostor. When Mrs. Lurton called Brooks on the telephone to question him he hung up the receiver while she was talking to him.

The editor of the Georgia Bulletin says that a certain M. E. Brooks who has been posing as an ex-priest throughout Alabama and Mississippi is not recorded as a priest in the directories of the clergy of the British Isles, Canada or the United States for the past two generations. Efforts to have him state when and by whom he was ordained have been unavailing.

Information in the files of Our Sunday Visitor indicates that the M. E. Brooks above referred to posed under other names, e. g. Bailey, in Mississippi in 1925. He was never a Catholic priest in the United States, Canada, or England. In 1925 the Immigration authorities at New Orleans were searching for him, alleging that he had slipped over the Canadian border without registering.

Lourdes Miracles Confirmed by Non-Catholic Doctor

London.—At a recent meeting at Wimbledon, a Jesuit, Father Rankin, spoke of Lourdes to an audience composed mostly of Protestants. His accounts of miracles were confirmed by a non-Catholic, Doctor Sherry, who declared he had been an eyewitness of the sudden cure of two very serious cases; one of caries of the bones and one of a fibrous tumor. He examined these two cases very closely and he remained convinced that the sudden cure of these patients was an indisputable miracle. The audience listened with profound interest and the president of the assembly, himself a non-Catholic, showed himself entirely sympathetic to the orators.

C. U. Invited To Play Night Football Game

Washington.—The football team of the Catholic University of America has been invited by William and Mary College to play a regulation football game at Williamsburg, Va., on the evening of September 24. The game would start at 8:15 p. m., and would be the first night football game ever attempted in this section.

Convention Proceedings of the National Catholic Women's Union

The sixth annual convention of the National Catholic Women's Union, Section Indiana, held at Mishawaka, Ind., May 15, 16 and 17, in conjunction with the 33rd annual convention of the St. Joseph State League, opened with Solemn High Mass at 10:00 o'clock by the Rev. John Koller. The Rev. Didacus Gruenholz, of Indianapolis, delivered the sermon in which he stressed the need of establishing a Christian way of living to combat modern paganism.

The business session was formally opened at 9:30 on Monday morning by the President, Mrs. Anna M. Kunkel, of Lafayette, Ind. In her opening address, which was deferred to the joint Mass meeting on Monday evening, she stated that "the National Catholic Women's Union is the symbol of true American womanhood. We are striving to extend the usefulness of the Union and thereby be helpful to some degree in making better the common lot of our fellow men. But it is team work that counts in the building of local, state and national leagues. Co-operation between officials and all members is therefore absolutely necessary. We must not waste time in waiting for some great opportunity for service. There are opportunities everywhere if we are willing to do the little every-day acts of kindness."

Indiana Section now has a membership of 3105, a gain of 619 over last year. In her report for the closing year, the President showed that \$5167.48 had been contributed toward educational, religious and social welfare projects, \$135.00 had been donated by the units to Indiana Section's organization fund and 2924 articles of various kinds had been made for home and foreign missions and other poor.

All members were urged to solicit subscriptions for the "Bulletin" in their respective societies, as this is

the only means of keeping in touch with the activities of the Union.

The Resolution committee presented resolutions tendering homage to the Holy Father, the White Shepherd of Christendom, fostering modesty and decency in woman's attire, a clean press and stage, home mission, the Lay Catechetical movement and Memorial to Nancy Hanks Lincoln. After due consideration, these resolutions were adopted.

The delegates at the Mishawaka convention were signally honored in having the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Fort Wayne address them on Tuesday morning. His words of approval and praise of the work of the organization will stimulate interest and enthusiasm in carrying out the organization's aims and ideals during the coming year.

The Rev. Didacus Gruenholz, of Indianapolis, and Mr. A. F. Brookland of the Central Verein of St. Louis also addressed the women and showed them the dire need of the women in all phases of life today. Their praise of the work accomplished in the Indiana Section in so short a time will give the workers the much-needed encouragement to carry on their work.

Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Spiritual Director, the Rev. Florian Bricle, Lafayette; President, Mrs. Anna M. Kunkel, Lafayette; Vice President, Mrs. S. J. Cole, Lafayette; Second Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Bowling, Richmond; Recording Secretary, Miss Rosa Bauer, South Bend; Financial Secretary, Miss Marie Gasper, Indianapolis; Treasurer, Miss Hildegarde Goller, South Bend.

Reports of the activities of affiliated societies showed marked advancement, and as the number of accredited delegates was the largest on record for the Indiana Section, we are hoping for still better reports at the convention in Indianapolis next May.

TURKS' ATTITUDE TOWARD CHURCH IS IN QUESTION

Some Catholic Schools Have Been Closed, But Distinguished Diplomat Tells Dr. Funder Kemal is Disposed to Be Tolerant.

A cable dispatch to the N. C. W. C. News Service from Marital Massani, its Paris correspondent, last Monday announced that the French Catholic orphanage at Coud in Turkey had been closed by the Government on the pretext that the Sisters had tried to convert the children to Catholicism. The dispatch stated the children had been taken away by military force. The French School of Saint Pulcheria, the dispatch stated, also had been closed because its books were not approved by the Government.

This information conflicts with the information given in the story which follows by Dr. Funder, and is more recent, but it is possible that the closing of the two French schools was on local initiative. If the Turkish Government has decided to close Catholic schools its decision, according to Dr. Funder's information, would be a sudden and complete reversal of policy.

(By Dr. Frederic Funder)

Vienna.—The New Turkey of Kemal Pasha with its radical reforms, dreaded by Catholics only a short time ago, is as a matter of fact exercising satisfactory tolerance toward Catholic schools, and there has even been talk of the Angora Government establishing a legation at the Papal Court.

This is the reassuring message given to this correspondent by a veteran diplomatist accredited to the Turkish Government who has just passed through Vienna. This man, in addition to having a distinguished diplomatic career, is a brilliant authority on affairs of the Near East and a devout Catholic.

Among other things, he told me that a satisfactory adjustment of the Government edict that crosses be removed from class rooms, which caused much excitement when it was issued, has now been worked out.

Kemal's Attitude Explained. In the case of the Islamic faith, Kemal Pasha's reforms in the outward appearance of religious life have been radical, the diplomat continued. He paraphrased the attitude of Kemal, "the victorious," in the following words:

"I want to make Turkey a modern state. Turkey is no longer to be regarded as a medieval state which does not fit into our times and is falling to decay, a state which admits of the belief, or the well-justified assumption, that at any time it might fall a prey to covetous powers, thereby again and again becoming a danger to international peace. In future there will be no longer a 'Sick Man' on the Bosphorus that the powers will try to cure with bayonets and guns."

"How are the official relations between the Angora Government and the Catholic Church?" he was asked.

"For some time there was talk of the Angora Government having the intention to establish a legation at the Papal Court," he replied. "This has, as yet, not been accomplished. But there is no doubt that Papal diplomacy, the wisest and most serious in the world, has through the services of Monsignor Dolci and his successor, Monsignor Rotta, paved the way for gratifying good relations."

Priest's Heroism During Epidemic Of Small Pox

Paris.—The General Council of la Lore has expressed through its president its warm appreciation of the courage shown by the Abbe Valentin, pastor of St. Jean la Poulouise, in the course of an epidemic of small pox which ravaged the community. So terrified were the people of the town that when one old woman, without relatives and living alone, was taken ill no one would take care of her.

When the pastor learned of this, he took upon himself the duties of nurse and went every day to the bedside of the poor unfortunate. He gave her all the care necessitated by her condition, but he could not conquer the disease. The abbe kept watch after the death of his patient and made all the preparations for the funeral, even to putting the body into the coffin himself.

Fr. Kelly Chosen Golfers' Chaplain

Montclair, N. J.—Despite the hardy Scottish tradition that surrounds the game, the Professional Golfers' Association of America has just selected an Irish priest—the Rev. John B. Kelly by name—as its national chaplain.

Father Kelly, who also enjoys an immense popularity as spiritual director of the Catholic Writers' Guild of America, is no stranger to the golfers or their organization. For years he has been the sole honorary member of the Golfers' Association, and he is an ardent follower of the game. C. H. Mayo, president of the Metropolitan Professional Golfers' Association, informing the members of his selection for the office, writes of him:

"He has moderated our expletives in bunkers, has impressed upon us as teachers the necessity of mathematical accuracy in reports at the nineteenth hole, and has suggested the benefits of spiritual exercises preceding Sabbath golf."

For Father Kelly's induction into office the Metropolitan Association has arranged a special exhibition match for May 29, at which its members will be joined by professionals of England and Scotland. "Irvin Cobb and other eminent authors have volunteered to caddy," says Mr. Mayo's announcement. Members of the Catholic Writers' Guild have been invited.

Catholic Girl Wins Prize for Typing

Cleveland, Ohio.—Pupils from the commercial department of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish school took second prize in the annual Mass Typewriting contest held this year in Bowling Green, Ohio. There were entrants from many high schools.

The total average for the contest was 53.01 words per minute. The Cleveland entrants and their records were: Margaret Hackman, 74 words; Helen Emory, 60 and Mary Kelling, 59. Miss Kelling's paper was perfect.

A group of war veterans were discussing Thanksgiving. One of the guests was a veteran who had lost both legs.

"And what have you to be thankful for?" he asked.

"Lots," he replied. "I've got cork legs, and I can put on my socks with thumb-tacks." —The Catholic Outlook, Duluth, Minn.



CATHOLIC CADETS ATTEND MILITARY MASS. Every member of the corps of St. Xavier's high school, New York City, was at the ceremony in St. Patrick's cathedral ten days ago. A great throng watched them enter and leave the cathedral. (Wide World)

Chartres To Have Notable Centennial Celebration In Blessed Virgin's Honor

Paris.—Magnificent celebrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin, which will be attended by the Nuncio, forty cardinals, archbishops and bishops, among them the Archbishop of Quebec, and several abbots of famous monasteries, will take place in the Cathedral of Chartres from May 31 to June 6. They will mark the ninth centenary of the foundation of the crypt in which is venerated a famous statue of the Blessed Virgin.

The crypt is one of the largest in the world—its length is 721 feet—and was built on the site of the oldest sanctuary of the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even before the birth of Christ, Gallic priests, called Druids, venerated on this spot, a wooden statue quite rudely carved to represent a woman seated, with her eyes closed and holding her child on her knees. This statue was called Virgo Paritura—the virgin who is to give birth to a child. When the first disciples of the apostles came to evangelize the country, they recognized that this woman was Mary, the Mother of God, and without delay, the grove where the sacred image stood became a church in honor of the Blessed Virgin. The cult of the Virgin Mary took on such breadth that an old proverb says of Chartres: "Carnutum ubi omnia Mariam sonant."

"Chartres, where everything speaks of Mary." Chartres, considered by many the most beautiful of all the cathedrals, has received in the course of its history, visits from several of the popes. Great saints have prayed at its altar, notably St. Anselm of Canterbury, and St. Bernard. At the end of the twelfth century, St. Thomas of Canterbury prepared himself for martyrdom in the subterranean crypt and procured as bishop of the Church the renowned and learned St. John of Salisbury.

Kilkenny Cat To Be Notre Dame Teams' New Mascot

Notre Dame, Ind.—A Kilkenny cat will be the official mascot of the "Fighting Irish" athletic teams of the University of Notre Dame next year, according to an announcement just made here. It is believed that this is the first time that this animal has been the mascot of a university or college.

A few years ago the athletic teams of the school selected the Irish terrier for this honor, but as soon as these animals were acquired they were overtaken by disaster. The cat of fighting fame is expected to survive these misfortunes because of its legendary nine lives.

The announcement did not disclose whether the Kilkenny cat was imported. The feline is described as being big and of the color of midnight.

PUZZLING.

The Teacher—"Why do you make mischief so that I have to keep you after school every night?"

The Pupil—"Because dere's a big kid layin' fer me outside." —The Catholic Outlook, Duluth, Minn.



AMERICAN GIRL WED AT VATICAN. Miss Anna H. Townsend, of New York, recently married to Marchese Pelligrini Quarantotti, a member of the Holy Father's Noble Guard, recently shows the bride and bridegroom in the chapel just before the ceremony. (P. & A.)

Catholic Physician Now Heads Medical Society of Georgia

Augusta, Ga.—Dr. William A. Mulherin, one of the founders of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, was elected president of the Georgia Medical Association at a meeting just held in Athens. Doctor Mulherin, who is one of the South's most widely known physicians, was elected on the first ballot.

Doctor Mulherin was born in this city, July 3, 1872. He was educated in the local parochial schools and at Spring Hill College, where he received his A. B. degree in 1891, and the A. M. degree in 1900. He studied medicine at Harvard University, graduating in 1901. He served as an intern at St. Vincent's hospital, Worcester, Mass., before returning here to practice. He is one of the country's leading specialists in children's diseases and now is head of the pediatric department of the medical college of the University of Georgia.

Bishop Welch Urges Women Use Ballot

Hibbing, Minn.—Although the women of America and Europe have made great progress there is yet much for them to do, the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Welch, Bishop of Duluth, declared in an address at the fourth annual luncheon of the Hibbing Council of Catholic Women here Saturday. Some 200 women attended the luncheon.

Not only are the women of this country taking a more active interest in social, civic and governmental problems, Bishop Welch said, but the women of Europe are also assuming places of greater influence and importance. He made it quite plain that the Council of Catholic Women is not and never will be a political organization, pointing out that its first consideration is for the welfare of the nation and humanity.

The Bishop admonished his auditors not to shirk their patriotic duties but urged them to aspire to serve their States and communities intelligently and wholeheartedly. Having been given the right to vote, it devolves upon women to make use of their franchise, he said.

Dr. Anne M. Nicholson, field organizer of the National Council of Catholic Women, also addressed the gathering. Dr. Nicholson spoke principally of the need for more intensive organization work in the Council and said that great progress has been made since the foundation of the Organization in Washington seven years ago. Msgr. J. A. Limmer also spoke and the Rev. J. Hayes also spoke. Mrs. C. A. Bardessono welcomed the guests and Mrs. J. B. Pfau spoke briefly.

House of Studies For Business Men

London.—A special house of studies for business men who find they have vocations to the priesthood is being established by Cardinal Bourne at Edmonton.

The men will not give up their every-day work for about two years, but outside of their business hours they will live a community life.

A very old man went into a life insurance office and asked for a policy.

"Why, grandpa," said the clerk, "you're too old for us to take the risk. How old are you?"

"Ninety-seven," came September," said the old man, and added testily, "If you folks will take the trouble to look up your statistics, you'll find that ninety-seven men die after they're ninety-seven." —The Catholic Outlook, Duluth, Minn.

NOTABLE GROUP OF PRELATES PRESIDE AT PIONEER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., opening on June 6th, will be honored by the presence of a number of Bishops and other dignitaries. Mt. St. Mary's is the second oldest Catholic Educational institution in the United States, and numbers among its alumni a large group of Bishops and Prelates of the United States. The commencement exercises this year mark the one hundred and nineteenth annual ceremony and open with the high school commencement on Monday, June 5th, when Herbert R. O'Connor, LL. D., Baltimore, Md., will address the graduates. The following day a solemn Requiem Mass for the deceased priests, benefactors and students of the College will take place. A memorial over the grave of Professor Edmund Ryan, who was long identified with the College, will be unveiled in

the afternoon when the Right Reverend Maurice F. McAuliffe, auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, will deliver the address. The baccalaureate ceremony will be pronounced by the Right Reverend Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg.

A feature of the annual exercises which always attract wide attendance will take place on Wednesday, when the college contest in elocution will be held. Thursday morning the Right Reverend William F. Harty, Bishop of Raleigh, will ordain a group of seminarians to the sacred priesthood. The commencement exercises will take place on Friday morning with the distribution of academic degrees and honors by His Grace, the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore. The honorable David Walsh, United States Senator from Massachusetts, will address the graduates.

FAITH OF RUSSIANS SURVIVES DESPITE SOVIET ATTACKS

It was on the eve of this day that police official warned him that his presence would not be tolerated. He was obliged to forego his hope of visiting Odessa and left the country.

Monsignor d'Herbigny left known by way of Finland.

"Since then," he says, "the Catholics in Russia have undergone further suffering. The papers have announced arrests and trials, and these have multiplied especially since June 1. However, the Italian Ambassador Count Manzoni, who has recently been in Moscow, had the kindness to tell me that Monsignor Neveu and Monsignor Malecki were continuing, in the French parish of Moscow and in the other in the churches of the Leningrad district, to celebrate Catholic liturgical ceremonies regularly."

Touching instances of faith are related by the director, among them one where persons traveled more than 1,000 kilometers to receive Confirmation.

Monsignor d'Herbigny has just revealed, for the first time, details of his visit to Russia last year, which ended when the Soviet authorities failed to renew his temporary permit to enter the country. The account appears in "Les Eudes," Jesuit review here. He breaks his long silence on the journey, the Bishop says, only because certain German and English publications have published fantastic stories of the trip which should be corrected.

He tells a touching story of an old French woman who lay seriously ill in an humble house deep in a wood some distance from Moscow. When he visited her, she told him:

"While I waited for you tonight, I thought I would die of joy. Think! I, who for a long time went to Communion every day, have not seen a priest since 1917. And here, in the time of my agony, Our Lord comes to my sick-bed, brought by a French bishop!"

Eagerness of Russians for the Sacraments

While in Leningrad, Confessions and Communion were so numerous, he says, that he rarely was able to have luncheon before 3:00 o'clock. Many Christians came asking to be confirmed. From the Volga district the faithful traveled 1,000 kilometers and more to be confirmed. One French woman, 80 years old, who was born in Russia, found herself in the presence of a bishop for the first time in her life.

Bishop d'Herbigny also records that he sang a Pontifical Mass at the rededication of the main altar of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, which had been restored. The throng attending was so large that it overflowed into the court.

Two weeks later, he officiated at a solemn procession in this court, which was viewed by an immense crowd from the streets and from windows and houses, and which impressed the Bishop tremendously. He confesses that he was so overcome

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